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SUBJECT: THIS IS (b)(3):10 USC 424

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)
2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424
3. TITLE: (U) MILITARY TRAINING: ARGENTINE AIR FORCE CANCELS FMS TRAINING FOR FY 78
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 7804
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780505
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 7805
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12. PREPARING OFFICER: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424
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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ~~DIRO: NO NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT~~
16. SUMMARY: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ARGENTINE AIR FORCE HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL $400,000 FMS MILITARY TRAINING CASE. PERCEPTIONS OF USG HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AS A DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE.
22. DETAILS: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS OF THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE (ARGAF) GENERAL STAFF HAS NOTIFIED THE AFSEC OF THE MILGP THAT THE ARGAF HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL THE FMS CREDIT CASE FOR $400,000 OF MILITARY TRAINING. ACCORDING TO THE 780419 LETTER TO CHIEF, AFSEC, THE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION IS THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME REMAINING BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE LETTER AND THE END OF THE US FISCAL YEAR, WHEN THE CASE WILL EXPIRE.

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2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICERS AT JUNIOR, FIELD, AND SENIOR GRADE LEVELS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, THE ARGAF HAS TAKEN THIS ACTION AS A RATIONAL, UNEMOTIONAL REACTION TO THE USG POLICIES GENERATED BY HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS. SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE TOLD TO THAT THE TRAINING ITSELF CAN BE OBATINED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, AND THAT THERE ARE THIRD COUNTRY ATTACHES AND SALESMEN WAITING IN LINE TO SELL EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING. (b)(3):10 USC 424;Sec. 3.3(b)(1) IN THE SHORT TERM, TRAINING IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MAY BE CHEAPER TO THE ARGAF, BUT THAT IN HIS JUDGEMENT THE LONG TERM COST OF NOT EXPOSING YOUNG OFFICERS TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETAL AND MILITARY VALUE SYSTEMS WOULD BE VERY EXPENSIVE TO BOTH HIS NATION AND THE UNITED STATES. Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

IN HIS JUDGEMENT IT WOULD BE SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THE ARGENTINE MILITARY AGAIN ARE PERMITTED TO PURCHASE TRAINING IN THE US. SOURCE B EXPLAINED THAT HIS NATION COULD NOT CHANGE ITS DOMESTIC POLICIES JUST TO PLEASE THE UNITED STATES, EVEN IF MAJOR POLICY CHANGES ARE MADE FOR DOMESTIC REASONS, AND THESE CHANGES RESULT IN ELIMINATING POINTS

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OF CONFLICT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. (READ HUMAN RIGHTS)
THE EXPERIENCES OF CHILE AND URUGUAY DEMONSTRATE THAT
THE USG, PARTICULARLY THE CONGRESS, IS VERY SLOW TO
RECOGNIZE AND REACT TO ANY CHANGE. ROUCE B THEN SAID
THAT THE USG IS VERY QUICK TO REACT TO NEWS ACCOUNTS
OF HUMAN RIGHTS INCIDENTS THAT APPEAR IN THE WASHINGTON
PRESS, BUT VERY LOATH TO ACCEPT THE EVIDENCE OF THE
TRENDS THAT SHOULD BE MORE MEANINGFUL THAN SPECIFIC
ISOLATED EVENTS. SOURCE B THEN NOTED THAT IN HIS
JUDEGEMENT, AND IN THE JUDGEMENT OF MANY OF HIS MILITARY
COLLEAGUES, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE NO LONGER IS OF
SPECIFIC INTEREST TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. RATHER,
IT HAS BECOME A WASHINGTON SPECIFIC ISSUE UPON
WHICH POLITICAL CAREERS ARE BEING MADE AND BROKEN. SOURCE
SAID THAT THE DISMISSAL OF ASSIST SEC TODMAN IS
AN EXAMPLE OF A CEREER THAT WAS DESTROYED BY THE
INTRA GOVERNMENTAL STRUGGLES FOR POWER.
COMMENT: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE ARGAF CANCELLATION OF THE FMS
TRAINING CASE REFLECTS REALIZATION THAT THERE IS NO
HOPE FOR OBTAINING TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE TIME BEING. SOURCE IMPLIED THAT THE ATTITUDE
AMONG SENIOR ARGAF LEADERSHIP WAS ONE OF RESIGNATION,
AND HOPE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD NOT BE PERMANENT.
APPARENTLY THE ARGAF CONSIDERS THAT THE SAME TRAINING
CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES WITH LITTLE IN
CO VENIENCE. SOURCES COMMENT ABOUT THE LONG RANGE
EFFECTS OF NO CONUS TRAINING HAS BEEN REPEATED TO
[redacted] SEVERAL FLAG OFFICERS OF ALL THREE SERVICES.
SOURCES OBSERVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS A
VEHICLE FOR USG INTERNAL POLITICAL POWER STRUGGLES
REFLECTS THE PERCEPTIONS [redacted] HEARD FROM SEVERAL
OTHER ARGAF OFFICERS SINCE APPEARANCE OF MEDIA
REPORTS CONCERNING ASSIST SEC TODMANS REPLACMENT.
SOURCES POSITION WITHIN THE GOA ADDS IMPORT TO HIS
PERCEPTIONS.

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(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 42 COMMENT: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ IR (b)(3):10 USC 424 REPORTED CANCELLATION OF ARGENTINE ARMY AND NAVY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AND PLANS FOR SENDING PERSONNEL TO US FOR TRAINING. SIMILAR BUT INDEPENDENT ACTION BY ALL THREE SERVICES IN THE SAME TIME FRAME SUGGESTS THAT THE DECISION WAS MADE JOINTLY BY THE RULING LUNTA OR PERHAPS AT THE LEVEL OF THE SECRETARIES GENERAL. UNFORTUNATELY, SOURCES B S VIEW THAT CURRENT US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IS BASED ON INTERNAL US POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IS ALSO STILL HEARD FROM A SURPRISING NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY. [redacted] (b)(3):10 USC 424 THAT ATTEMPTS BY [redacted] EMBASSY OFFICERS TO EXPLAIN THE BROAD BASED SUPPORT IN THE US FOR OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS THAT CURRENT EMPHASIS BY THE

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US ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT A FAD, BUT A LONG RANGE
EFFORT WHICH WILL NOT "GO AWAY." HOWEVER, THIS REPORT
SHOWS THAT SOME SENIOR ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICERS
CONTINUE TO QUESTION THE SINCERITY OF THE POLICY.
THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMBASSY ~~GDS DEC 83~~
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